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SHITARA, K. et al.

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Examiner:

For: **DIAGNOSTIC AGENT AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR
DISEASE RELATED TO MONOCYTE AND
MACROPHAGE**

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March 1, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST

Clarification is requested with regard to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated February 12, 2002 (copy attached) which purports to require a Sequence Listing to fulfill the requirements of 35 USC §371. The undersigned is unable to locate a requirement in 35 USC §371 for a Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable forms to obtain a filing date. Accordingly, the Office is requested to advise the undersigned where the requirements of 35 USC §371 require such a submission. It is the undersigned's belief that as the Office has indicated that the basic filing fee, copy of the application, Declaration and other specific requirements of 35 USC §371 have been received by the Patent Office, the requirements of 35 USC §371 have been met and a filing date should be assigned as of the date of the receipt in the Patent Office of these required items. The Notification of Missing Requirements suggests however that a filing

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date will not be assigned until the Sequence Listing is supplied in response to the Notification. Further clarification in this regard is requested.

A separate response with a revised Sequence Listing will be filed separately in response to the attached Notification.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below:

- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 for the following reason(s):

- RAW SEQUENCE LISTING ERROR REPORT

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